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## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

### **A. Background**

BLM Office: Kremmling

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: COC-74628

Number: DOI-LLCON02000-2011-0003

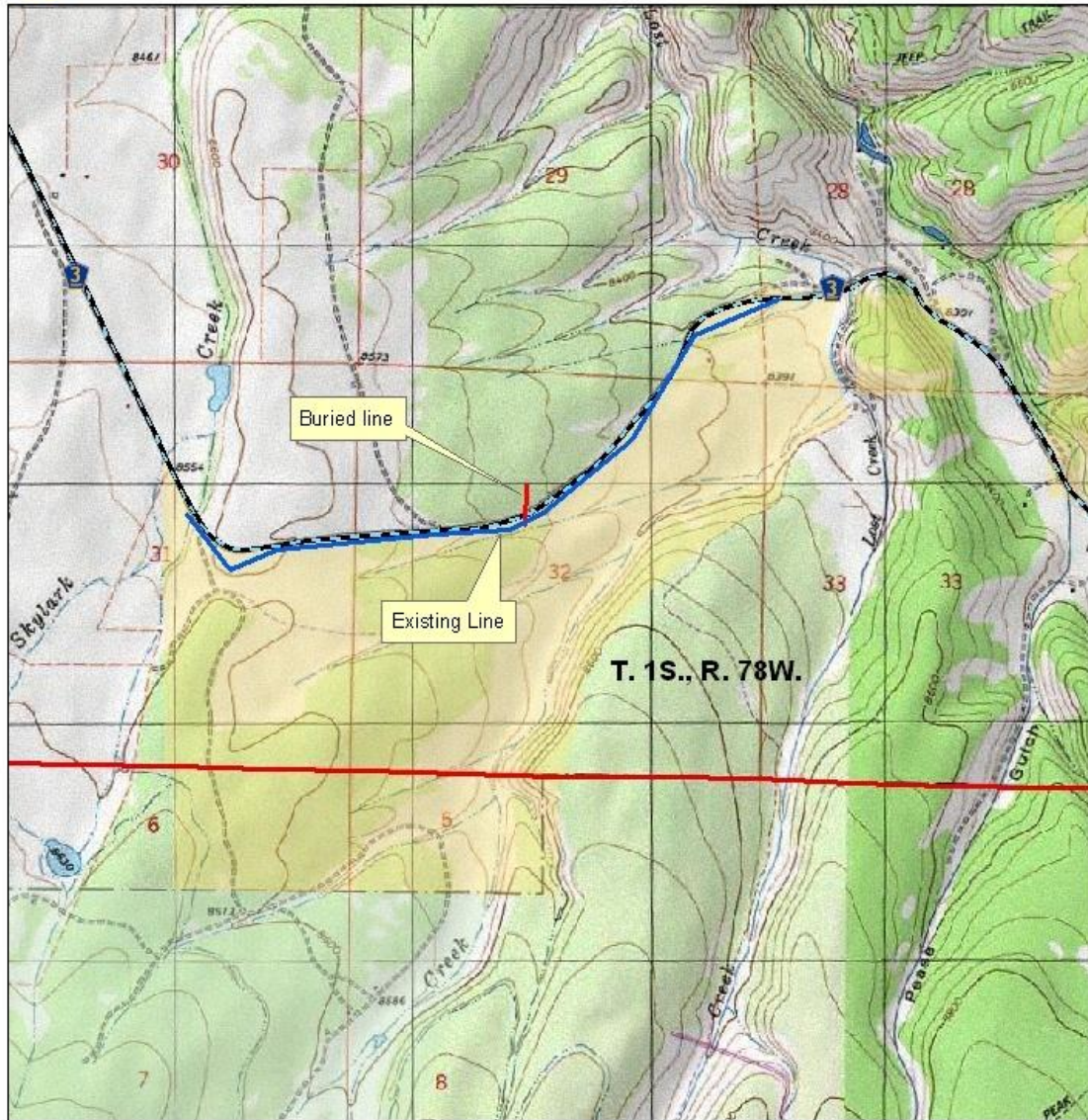
Proposed Action Title/Type: Buried Powerline

Location of Proposed Action: T. 1S., R. 78W., Section 32: NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Description of Proposed Action: Mountain Parks Electric, LLC (MPE) proposes to bury a powerline to the private property of Carlos Lopez. There is an existing overhead powerline along the south side of Grand County Rd. (GCR) #3. Mr. Lopez's property is on the north side of GCR #3. MPE proposes to install one pole in line with the existing powerline with a 32 foot anchor. At the point of the pole, Mountain Parks would go under GCR #3 with their cable to a private driveway that is owned by Mr. Lopez's neighbor. Mr. Lopez and the neighbor are sharing the cost of the installation and therefore MPE has permission to use the driveway for the cable. MPE is proposing a 20 foot wide right-of-way. The disturbance on public land would be approximately 140 feet encompassing .1 acres.



# Lopez Powerline



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0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles



Reference Map  
NW Colorado



## Legend

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| County Roads          | Bureau of Land Mgt       |
| Major Roads           | Division of Wildlife     |
| Reservoirs            | National Park            |
| Major Creeks          | US Forest Service        |
| Wilderness Study Area | National Wildlife Refuge |
| A/C/E                 | Private                  |
|                       | State                    |
|                       | State Forest             |

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**B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

Land Use Plan Name: Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision (ROD)

Date Approved/Amended: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions(s):

Decision Number/Page: II-B-12 pg.14

Decision Language: Provide the opportunity to utilize public lands for development of facilities which benefit the public, while considering environmental and agency concerns.

**C. Compliance with NEPA:**

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.0, Number (E) (17), *"Grant of a short rights-of-way for utility service or terminal access roads to an individual residence, outbuilding , or water well."*

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2 apply.

**INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:**

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility	Date Review Completed
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E	10/21/2010
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air, Riparian	10/19/2010
Susan Cassel	Assoc. Field Manager	NEPA	10/22/2010
Bill B. Wyatt	Archaeologist	Archaeology/Paleontology	10/22/2010

**D. Signature**

Authorizing Official:\_\_\_/s/ David Stout\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_10/25/2010\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Name:\_\_\_David Stout\_\_\_\_\_

Title:\_\_\_Field Manager\_\_\_\_\_

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**DECISION RECORD**  
CX # DOI-LLCON02000-2011-0003

DECISION: It is my decision to authorize the Proposed Action as described in the attached CX.

This decision is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and the Clean Water Act. This decision is also in conformance with the LUP and other applicable laws, regulations and policies.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action and have determined that it does not represent an extraordinary circumstance and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

RATIONALE: The proposed action to issue Mountain Parks Electric a right-of-way for a buried cable under public land was chosen because the ground disturbance is for a pole and guy wire in line with an existing powerline and the buried portion is under Grand County road #3 with the remainder of the buried portion on private land. This is consistent with the decision language in the RMP.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ David Stout

DATE SIGNED: 10/25/2010